# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR
# LOK SABHA

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WAGES FOR WOMEN LABOURERS
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

(a) whether unskilled women labourers are being paid less wages as compared to unskilled men labourers under the `Food for work` programme in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check this practice?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): `Food for Work Programme` was in operation from January, 2001 to 31st March, 2002. From 1st April, 2002, the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yozana (SGRY) Scheme has been launched. Under this Scheme foodgrains are given as part of wages to unskilled laboures in rural areas. As per the guidelines of the Scheme, Minimum Wages fixed by State Authorities are paid for both skilled and unskilled labourer. Equal wages are paid under the programme to both men and women workers.